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COMMISSIONERS MEET

Will Donate Funds for the State Fair.

MATTER OF THE GAME WARDEN

Objection to a Proposed Road—Permits Granted and Bills Paid—Other Routine Business.

ARCADIA, FLA., Sept. 4, 1905. The honorable Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Wm. King, Chairman; E. F. Bostick, D. W. Brown and N. C. Larsen. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Board of County Commissioners approved the bill of DeSoto County Advertiser against the State for \$100 for printing laws passed by last legislature. The following persons were granted permits for carrying pistols: Ira I. Thompson, with J. H. Treadwell and W. J. Gilligan as sureties; W. S. Urquhart, with J. H. Treadwell and W. J. Gilligan as sureties; W. J. Gilligan with John H. Treadwell and Ira Thompson as sureties.

Tax Collector and County Judge's license collected during August: State, \$39.50; county, \$34.75; total, \$74.25. Comptroller is recommended to allow the following land to be redeemed without interest: Sec. 24, Tp. 34, Range 24.

Moved and carried that Board give \$25 for Home Seekers' Edition of Wauchula Advocate.

Sheriff Freeman is allowed a jailer for three months at \$30 per month.

Bill of Hooker & Hopson for \$175 for gray mare killed by falling through bridge was refused by board.

Mrs. Patrick made verbal objection to new proposed road running from the Arcadia and Nocatee road, run south one mile. Commissioner D. W. Brown was appointed to meet Mrs. Patrick and neighbors to arrange matters.

After canvassing returns of different precincts for an appropriation to Tampa State fair and in consequence of so little interest being taken by the people of the county, the Commissioners decided not to donate any money towards such fair.

Petition received with seventy-six qualified voters for Board to recommend to Governor of State the appointment of Fish and Game warden for DeSoto county. Application for the appointment will be received at next meeting of the board.

In Justice Court 7th District, DeSoto County, Florida.

To the Honorable Board County Commissioners DeSoto County, Florida: Gentlemen—I have the honor to report the following cases coming before this court for the month of August, 1905: Aug. 3, W. H. Lockwood, transferred to County Judge.

Aug. 7, Jeff Bethwick, grand larceny. Dismissed by prosecuting witness.

Aug. 7, Hettie Whidden, selling whiskey. Dismissed.

Aug. 10, Mrs. M. L. Barber, bond to keep the peace.

Aug. 12, John Wilson, getting money under false promises. Dismissed.

Aug. 26, A. F. Whidden, assault and battery. Fine of \$5 and cost or 30 days in jail at hard labor. Respectfully submitted.

G. W. McLANE, J. P. Sheriff's Office, Arcadia, Fla., Sept. 1st, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County: Gentlemen—I hereby tender my report for the month of August:

The following prisoners were confined during said month in the county jail: I. E. Cooper, Charlie Wright, Jim Dixon, Wm. Graham, H. R. Woodward, Cornelius Millhouse, Kate Driggers, Jim Rich, Cecelia Simon, Sam Davis, Victoria Hill, Dink Summeralls, Edgar Williams, Chas. Daniels, Joe Summeralls, Geo. Holts, Mattie Robinson, John Cady, Lewis Williams, Sam McCaskill, M. Filer, A. F. Whidden, Joe Paupaul, O. B. Bitha and Kate Hunter.

The following fines were collected by me and turned over to County Treasurer F. E. Parker: Fine of Sam McCaskill, \$5.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. FREEMAN, Sheriff.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County: Gentlemen—I herewith submit report of licenses and taxes collected by me during the month of August, 1905:

Taxes of 1904. Abstract of Funds.

General Revenue \$25 41
School 42 85
Fine and Forfeiture 16 94
Road 37 75—\$120 46
Polls 1904, assessed 3 00
Polls 1904, not assessed 94 72—65 75
County Licenses 9 72
Punta Gorda S. D. 7 44
Arcadia S. D. 48—17 64—\$235 85
Nocatee S. D. 38 55
Total amt State taxes 39 50—73 23
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Respectfully submitted.

W. C. LANGFORD, T. C.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Gentlemen—I have had the following criminal business before Justice of Peace court during the month of August, 1905:

Coroner's inquest on the body of Charles Grant. Verdict, murder first degree.

Preliminary or commitment of Chas. W. Daniels for murder of Chas. Grant. Committed without bail.

State against Isaac Shinnis, carrying a pistol. Acquitted.

State against O. B. Bethea, gambling. Verdict guilty. Sentenced 60 days in county jail at hard labor.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. LAWTON, J. P.

Justice District, No. 11, Zolfo, Fla., Sept. 4th, 1905.

To Hon. Board Co. Commissioners:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit the following report for the month of August: State of Florida vs. Charlie Harris, petit larceny. Jurors' verdict, not guilty.

CORNELIUS CREWS, J. P.

To Honorable Board County Commissioners of DeSoto County:

I beg leave to report the criminal business done in my court for the month of August, 1905, and report as follows:

O. J. Lindsey, doing business without license. After arrest defendant took out license, paid the cost and case was dismissed.

Jones Johnson and Ollie Denson, living in adultery. After arrest: defendants were married, paid the cost and case dismissed.

W. H. Lockwood, assault and battery. Verdict of not guilty; defendant discharged.

Geo. Holts and Mattie Roberson, living in adultery. Defendants required to give bond for their appearance at circuit court. In default of bond committed to jail.

Chas. Daniels, assault with intent to kill and murder. Defendant required to give bond in sum of \$750 for his appearance at circuit court. In default of such bond committed to jail.

Lewis Williams, attempt to rape. Defendants required to give bond in the sum of \$250 for his appearance at circuit court. In default of bond committed to jail.

J. N. Whidden, assault with intent to kill and murder. Defendant held to circuit court; bond fixed at \$100.

M. Filer, obtaining money by false promises. Defendant held to circuit court; bond fixed at \$100.

Sam McCaskill, petit larceny. Defendant fined \$5 and costs; costs paid.

Many Stephens, running restaurant without license. After arrest defendant took out license and paid cost and case dismissed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the criminal business done in my court in the month of August, 1905.

J. B. COCHRAN, C. J.

This Sept. 2d, 1905.

GARDNER

School is progressing nicely under the skillful management of Prof. Chester Parker and Miss Jennie Carlton.

Mr. Van Crews, the deputy Sheriff of Zolfo was calling here Monday.

Mrs. Katherine Seddemire, of Arcadia, was visiting her sisters, Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Tom Coker, of this place last Saturday.

Miss Della Coker of Lily is visiting her uncle, J. W. Hampton this week.

Mrs. L. B. Mobley, our ex-depot agent's wife, arrived here last Monday after spending several months in Mexico, Texas and Georgia. Mrs. Mobley expects to return to her old home in Georgia Wednesday. We regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Mobley very much.

Miss Piney Moore of Brownville, was visiting friends here Sunday.

Messrs. Bayant Hampton and Bryant McCorkquale of Arcadia were calling here Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Coker made Arcadia a business trip Tuesday.

The Literary Society met with a large attendance last Friday evening, every one enjoyed the evening.

Messrs. Roberts and Fussell have a full line of dry goods and groceries now established in the Strickland building.

Regular services will be held here by Rev. R. Y. Walden on next Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Decil Durrance, the popular express messenger for the A. C. L. from Lykeland to Titusville, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

A local company of interested parties is being formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a telephone line from Kissimmee to Narcoossee and taking in along the route such parties as desire to put in phones.—Kissimmee Gazette.

France is trying to pick a quarrel with Morocco. It is thought that France could probably "lick" Morocco

BIRDS YOU CAN'T KILL.

List of Feathered Songsters It Is Unlawful to Shoot or Trap.

The following is a list of the birds unlawful to be killed at any time in the State of Florida, compiled by Chas. G. Megargee, game warden of Lake county, says the Leesburg Commercial:

Sparrowhawk.
Cuckoo or rain bird.
Whip-poor-will.
Bullbat.

Little white egret or snowy heron.
Ground or mourning dove.
Darter or snake bird.
Florida cormorant.

Frigate bird.
Mi bird.
Joereé.
Swallowtail.

Flycatcher.
Nonpareil or painted finch.
Cardinal grosbeak.
Cedar bird.

Redbelly woodpecker.
Redheaded woodpecker.
Great woodpecker or ivory bill.
Swallow.

Martin.
White crane or pond bird.
Sandhill crane.
Blue heron.

Catbird.
Bluejay.
Bald eagle.
Fish eagle.

Scrub jay.
Sapsucker.
Mockingbird.
Red ibis or flamingo.

Red turkey.
Bluebird.
Pelican.
Buzzard.

Carrión crow.
Spanish gnat.
Gause hawk.
Sand martin.

Wren.
Calico bird.
Yellowhammer.
Grass sparrow.

Pine warbler.
Beemartin.
Red warbler.

No News at Birdville.

When Mr. Read was a newspaper reporter he covered Birdville, Ark., for his paper by interviewing citizens from that village and its vicinity, says the Portland Oregonian. One day he met old "Bill" Simmons, who resided near Birdville, and ask him if there were any news in the neighborhood.

"Nope," everything quiet as death, replied "Bill."

"No weddings, or anything of the social sort?" asked Opie.

"Wall, no," said "Bill" "the' would 'a' be'n marryin' over at Sim Smith's place las' night, 'ceptin' that Si Jones wuz plumb gone on Sim's darter, which Hank Thompson wuz gwine ter marry, an' jess afore the hitchin'-up wuz to take place Hank met up with Si on the Yellville turnpike an' shot his right arm off, an' then Si stuck his gun in his left hand an' dropped Hank to the ground, an' jess then old man Thompson, Hank's paw, came up an' plunked three bullets inter Si, an' Si's step-uncle, Jim Rivers, come a-lopin down the crick bottom and shot old man Thompson's head clean off his shoulders afore he could say 'Jack Robinson.' 'Course that spiled the weddin' plans, an, so I hain't got no nooze fer yer terday."

"Wait a minute, Mr. Simmons," urged Opie, who wanted to get the story in detail.

"I can't wait," replied the man from Birdville, where it was quiet as death. "I got ter go over to the undertaker's shop an' order three coffins right off. I'll let ye know when the's any nooze down Birdville way."

"Were you ever in all your life glum and discontented?" asked one, says the New York Times.

"Yes; once I was plumb down in the mouth," owned Uncle Henry, with an air of candor. "But I got cured right off, and I ain't ever had an attack of the blues since then."

"Do tell us about it."

"Well it was when I was a young man, I had just got a job workin' on the Erie canal, it was gettin' late in the fall, and I had'n't any shoes to my name, and I had to send home every red cent, except what would feed me. I didn't see how I was to get a pair of shoes before winter set in."

"Well that was hard lines."

"So I thought," said Uncle Henry, smiling, "until one day I saw a feller on the street that hadn't no feet. I can't rightly say as I've ever been discontented since then."

It is said that President Roosevelt hopes to have as much "influence" with the Senate as he had with Russia and Japan in the peace settlement. We fear he does not know the Senate yet.

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DESOTO'S WEALTH.

Figures From the Tax Books Showing Property Values.

Hon F. M. Cooper, our adept county assessor, has just completed the compilation of the tax books of DeSoto county, says the Punta Gorda Herald.

With the following totals showing the amount and value of taxable real estate and all other property, together with the amount of taxes for all purposes to be levied and collected for the current year 1905.

The footings are as follows:

Total no. of acres assessed 1,933,322 35
Value \$2,482,140 00

State taxes thereon \$14,892 84
County \$49,642 80

No of drainage acres 986,114 98
Direct tax thereon \$49,315 50

Amount this tax exceeds 5c per acre because of town lots included in district.

Number of polls 2,254
Horses and mules 2,132

Cattle 49,911
Sheep 931
Hogs 8,359

Total value of animals \$358,466 00

Other personal property, which includes household and kitchen furniture, jewelry, cash, notes, accounts, etc. \$377,844 00

Total personal property \$736,110 00
State assessment thereon 4,416 66
County 16,978 20

SUMMARY.

Total Real estate \$2,482,140 00
" Railroad 442,252 00

" Telegraph 6,715 00
" Personal 736,110 00
" Taxable values \$3,667,217 00

" State tax thereon \$22,008 30
" County \$75,598 34
" Drainage tax \$49,315 50

Grand total taxes to be paid by DeSoto county \$146,917 14

Total taxable values 1904 \$3,178,783 00
Increase for 1905 \$488,434 00

SUB-SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Amount for support of schools arising from the special 3-mill levy in each district as follows:

Arcadia, No. 1 \$766 64
Punta Gorda, No. 2 1,208 96

Avon Park, No. 3 159 45
Popash, No. 4 246 58
Wauchula, No. 5 606 45

Nocatee, No. 6 379 83
Owens, No. 7 278 48
Oak Hill, No. 8 179 19

Lemon Grove, No. 9 96 78
Bowling Green, No. 10 181 49
Fort Green, No. 11 219 42

Fort Bassinger, No. 12 243 41

Very Embarrassing.

A young newspaper man at West-mourland was recently invited to a residence where the home had recently been blessed with an addition to the family. Accompanied by his best girl, he met his kind hostess at the door, and after the customary salutations, asked about the welfare of the baby.

The lady was suffering from a severe cold, which made her slightly deaf, and she supposed the young man was inquiring about her cold. She replied that though she usually had one every winter, this was the worse she had ever had; it had kept her awake at night a great deal at first, and confined her to bed. Then noticing that the scribe was becoming pale and nervous, she said she could tell by his looks that he was going to have one just like hers.—Kansas City Journal.

PEACE RIVER PHOSPHATE.

Report of Shipment Through Port of Punta Gorda.

Punta Gorda, Sept. 5.—Peace River phosphate rock shipped through this port thus far this year aggregated 55,875 tons. Shipments during August were 2,690 tons on steamship Wae, August 2, for Weymouth, Mass., 1,990 tons on steamship Evelyn, August 5, for Cartaret, N. J.; 3,075 tons on steamship Carolyn, and August 31, for Cartaret, N. J.

The Boy Reared by Hand.

An old farmer in Nemaha county remarks that a homegrown, hand spanked bare footed and hard fisted country boy makes a much better fighter in the battles of life than does the pampered, high collared, creased trousered youth of our town and cities whose clothes have always been dusted with a whisk broom instead of a shingle.

An editor of Ohio, who began some seventeen years ago with \$25, is now supposed to be worth \$100,000. He accumulated wealth very rapidly owing to his strict attention to business and the fact that his father died a few months ago and left him \$99,87.—Decatur (Ind.) Democrat.

New Orleans has had about 300 deaths from yellow fever out of about 8,000 cases. There is no danger of the city becoming depopulated at this rate, unless the rest of 'em are scared to death.

SHAYLOR REBUKES JURY.

Mother Who Fought for Reputation of Daughter Fined \$1.00 and Costs.

Mrs. Ruth Freeman, convicted of aggravated assault in connection with the tragedy which occurred in the office of Justice Farris, where she had gone in the interest of securing justice from the betrayer of her daughter, Miss May Brown, was fined by Judge Shaylor Monday \$1 and costs, the lightest sentence ever assessed against any one convicted of a like offense in the criminal court of Duval county.

The light sentence was in the nature of a rebuke for the jury which brought in the verdict, as well as those who were instrumental in securing the verdict against the mother who fought for the character of her daughter. The sentence imposed by Judge Shaylor met with the most universal approval of the people of Jacksonville.

Previous to this sentence being imposed the motion for a new trial was denied. There was but little other business, and the court adjourned for the term.—Times-Union.

Tom Lawson having driven the "Lamb" from wall street is now trying to "bag them hisself." Tom is trying to squeeze ten millions out of them in his copper "pool" and thoughtfully tells every subscriber, to expect to lose every cent he puts in. We cannot, however, but admire his frankness, for it is not everybody who will tell the little lamb when he is going to get "his curls trimmed."

The Czar is said to be trying to secure the services of one Teddy Roosevelt to act as peacemaker for him and his subjects in their little domestic quarrel. He might do a great deal worse, for Ted is "great" on doing things, and "doing people," too, when he gets started.

Young Rockefeller is going abroad this winter and will come back in the spring to help John D give his "dough" away. We would suggest that his first step be to reimburse those whom he has robbed, and the question of giving away the "remainder" will be comparatively easy.

The Secretary of State for Mississippi called Governor Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, a "liar." As there were no "chair legs" handy the impudent secretary was permitted to go unpunished. Gov. Jeff never uses anything but "chair legs" to bust a skull.

No "anxious inquirer," the last fighting is not over yet and will not be until the future historians determine whether "Togo" wiped the sea up with Rojestvensky, or whether it was merely a captain's battle, as was once remarked in these parts.

"Uncle Joe" has admitted that President Roosevelt is now in the lime-light, but with a merry twinkle in his eye, says "just wait until he 'hits the gavel' in the speaker's chair in the House of Representatives in a month or two."

As soon as the impudent Chinese boycotters of Canton, China, saw Secretary Taft, they began to apologize, etc. It is calculated to make anybody promise to "be good" to take a glimpse of a 300-lb. Secretary of War.

The Czar is trying to raise another \$100,000,000 from home subscriptions. We are not quite certain whether he is trying to get it before the revolutionists do, or whether he thinks, "it is a good thing" to have a little extra change "lying around loose."

Says the Florida Times-Union: "Women alone have the faculty of talking mechanically and thinking of something else." Our esteemed contemporary must never have seen the House of Representatives in action in Washington.

Indian Territory insists in coming into the Union with the name of "Sevuyah" which is another reason for being admitted singly, as that name is not acceptable to Oklahoma.

People consider Elihu Root such a great man, that some of them expected him to bring the north pole back under his arm, when he returned from the far north.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Men Accused Lodged in DeSoto County Jail.

BLOODY AFFRAY ON A LAUNCH

Anderson Jones and Staten Believed to Have Killed Theodore Scott—Body Not Found.

Capt. Harvey's gasoline launch, Marina, in charge of Theodore Scott as engineer and carrying as passengers, Staten Johnson of Fort Myers and Anderson Jones, of Floral City, left here yesterday morning with the United States mail for Boca Grande and other points below.

About 5 p. m., she returned here with Scott missing. Johnson and Jones who brought her back, reported that when they were near Cape Hays light, Scott, who was sitting on the stern bailing out water, fell overboard and before they could bring the boat about, he was drowned. They said they knew nothing about managing the boat and had much trouble with it, they drifted on to Crow Key, where they found some fisherman, of whom they asked help to bring the boat back. They got into a fight with these fishermen and Jones got his shirt bloody.

Then they returned to the boat and, after much trouble, they succeeded in bringing the boat here. On arriving Jones sent his companion up to town for a clean shirt, which he put on, after stowing his bloody shirt in a nook of the boat.

On searching the boat, Town Marshal Johns and Night Officer Carlton found this bloody shirt, which aroused their suspicion, and, accordingly, they arrested Johnson and Jones and notified Sheriff Freeman.

Deputy Sheriff Bassett came down last night and took the two men to Arcadia jail this morning.

Jones says he will have no difficulty in proving by the Crow Key fishermen that they bled his shirt.

Meantime, Scott's body has not been recovered. All three of the men are under twenty-four years old and unmarried.

At the time of the alleged accident all were more or less under the influence of liquor.—Punta Gorda Herald.

This, no doubt, will prove a dastardly crime. A reporter of The News heard the brother of the murdered man say that Johnson and Jones story is not at all alike, and the supposition is that the two men wanted to catch another boat and the Marina, being a mail boat, had no time to lose and they undertook to force Scott, and not being able to do it evidently murdered him.

Sam Roberts, the fisherman that Jones says he had the fight with, states that he had no trouble with either of the men.

Jones says the fight was thirty feet out on shore from the boat, and there was a pool of blood in the boat and the mail sacks were also stained with blood.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men work just enough to keep dirty.

Every one wants always to be able to work, but not always to have to.

If you don't like certain persons, how you hate to hear their money rattle!

Here is one sign that you are talking too much—when your listener tries to pull away from you.

After a man passes fifty it is impossible for him to get up any enthusiasm about anything but his troubles.

Ever notice how the big flies avoid fly paper? It is the same with the really big men. They are seldom caught.

You can follow directions in making a cake or cutting out a shirt, but there are no directions that can be followed successfully in managing a man. Some now he is like a cake or a shirt.—Atlantic Globe.

Most mayors have very vexing problems to solve, but Atlanta has a "problem" herself in her mayor. It is hard to teach him to drink water, even for an occasional change.

Senator Foraker, of Ohio, presidential aspirant for 1908, finds a good deal of consolation in the fact that when the Ohio republicans get scared they "wire" for him instead of his rival, Secretary Taft.

The "Beef Trust" is sending car and ship loads of beef to the pines. It seems that "beef" the flag if the constitution is.

Have you noticed that and the owner, too, see "tired" of each other